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1. THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PROJECTED JUNE 1976
EUROPEAN YOUTH SECURITY CONFERENCE AND THE SIMILAR
EXERCISE IN EAST BERLIN BEFORE HELSINKI IS THE CSCE
FINAL ACT, ESPECIALLY BASKET III LANGUAGE WHICH PROVIDES
FOR FACILITATION OF CONTACT BETWEEN YOUTH OF THE SIGNA-
TORY POWERS.

2. AS REPORTED IN REF, THE CENYC PLAN FOR CONFERENCE
WORK IN WARSAW ESTABLISHES A CLOSE LINK BETWEEN CSCE AND
THE PROJECTED CONFERENCE IN WARSAW. IN OUR VIEW, A
STRONG US DELEGATION SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE WARSAW
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MEETING WITH STATUS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE FINNISH AND

YUGOSLAV YOUTH COUNCILS. WE SHOULD ALSO BE REPRESENTED AT YOUTH CONFERENCE PREPARATORY MEETINGS. IN THIS RESPECT, CANADIAN YOUTH PARTICIPATION SEEMS TO US ALSO TO BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

3. WE CANNOT JUDGE FOR THIS VANTAGE POINT WHETHER AN EFFECTIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH DELEGATION COULD BE FIELDED FOR THE WARSAW MEETING. CLEARLY, BUDGETARY SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY. AS PART OF OUR CSCE FOLLOW-UP, SUCH SUPPORT SEEMS APPROPRIATE.

4. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WARSAW IS CONTACTING OTTAWA ABOUT THE WARSAW YOUTH CONFERENCE. WHILE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT GENERALLY PREFERS TO IGNORE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCES, THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP ASPECTS OF THE WARSAW CONFERENCE ARE SUFFICIENTLY SIGNIFICANT FOR THE CANADIAN EMBASSY TO RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SENDING A DELEGATION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ASCERTAIN THE FINAL CANADIAN POSITION TO POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THE WARSAW MEETING.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR HELSINKI FOLLOW-UP SHOULD INCLUDE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HAVE A STRONG AMERICAN DELEGATION AT THE WARSAW CONFERENCE. ANYTHING LESS WOULD SERVE TO REDUCE THE PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET UNION AND THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE TO IMPLEMENT FULLY BASKET III OBLIGATIONS. IF THE DEPARTMENT DECIDES TO LOBBY FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE WARSAW MEETING, WE WOULD APPROACH APPROPRIATE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND YOUTH ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS POLITICAL LEADERS, TO POINT OUT THE INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN BASKET III PROVISIONS AND THE LACK OF AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FOR THE U.S. TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE WARSAW CONFERENCE WITH STATUS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE FINNISH AND YUGOSLAV NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCILS. SIMILAR APPROACHES SHOULD BE MADE IN CENYC AND WDFY CAPITALS. DAVIES

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